

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended):      A method of producing a dry analytical element comprising a water-impermeable transparent support, at least one water-permeable layer, and a spreading layer which is ~~composed of polyester fibers~~ made of polyester fabric and has a function of spreading aqueous liquid uniformly, laminated in this order, which comprises supplying an organic solvent ~~having both hydrophilic and hydrophobic characteristics~~ which is a lower alcohol containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a ketone ~~onto the not containing a reagent onto the spreading layer, which has been laminated,~~ to coat the surface of the polyester fiber of the polyester fabric with the organic solvent, and ~~then thereafter,~~ supplying a reagent solution containing a critical reagent for an objective analysis while leaving the organic solvent on the surface.

Claim 4 (Previously presented):      The method of claim 3, wherein the organic solvent is a lower alcohol containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a ketone.

Claim 5 (Previously presented):      The method of claim 3, wherein the organic solvent is supplied in an amount of 30 to 90% of the spreading layer by volume.

Claim 6 (Previously presented):      The method of claim 3, wherein the spreading layer after the organic solvent is dried until the amount of the organic solvent coating becomes 0.1 to 5 % of the supplied amount.

Claim 7 (Previously presented):      The method of claim 3, wherein the solvent of the reagent solution is an organic solvent.

Claim 8 (Currently amended):      The method of ~~claim 7~~ claim 7, wherein  
the organic solvent is ethanol or acetone.

Claim 9 (Canceled)